

WANTS CAMPAIGN TO CANADIANIZE THE ALIENS IN COUNTRY



Mr. Meighen Hints Dominion Should Not Interfere With Provinces

Ottawa, Mar. 30.—Private members day in the House was largely devoted to a discussion of the steps which the Government should take for preparing immigrants of alien origin to assume the duties and responsibilities of Canadian citizenship.

The discussion, which arose on a motion of Dr. Michael Steele (South Perth) was participated in by a large number of members on both sides of the House. Hon. Arthur Meighen, speaking for the Government in the absence of the Minister of Immigration, said that the Government was fully aware of the importance of educating the alien with a view to bringing him to the full status of Canadian citizenship. He preferred not to make a definite statement on the matter, leaving that until such time as Hon. Mr. Calder was able to be in the House, but intimated that the Department of Immigration had certain plans in mind to deal with the problem. Mr. Meighen, however, questioned the wisdom of any interference by the Federal authorities in such a matter, saying that money for any federal scheme of education would have to be collected through the provinces.

Dr. Steele in moving the resolution, which was finally carried, told the House that evidence was not lacking to show that the increase in the vast army of aliens in this country was a menace to public welfare. He made an appeal to the Government to institute a big campaign for Canadianization, which should be carried on with the cooperation of the provincial and municipal governments.